An Easy to Build Mirror Frame

DIY Plans to Build an Espana Mirror Frame

Everyone has a mirror in their home and every once in a while, it is nice to update the frame. The DIY plans to build an Espana Mirror Frame are super-easy to construct, and also easy to customize to fit an existing mirror. The frame is constructed with off the shelf lumber with a carved piece at the top and a shelf, and can be completed in a couple of hours!

Materials:

- 1-1/4″ pocket hole screws
- Carved scroll piece for the top
- Mirror measuring
- Mirror clips, glazier points, or picture framing tabs

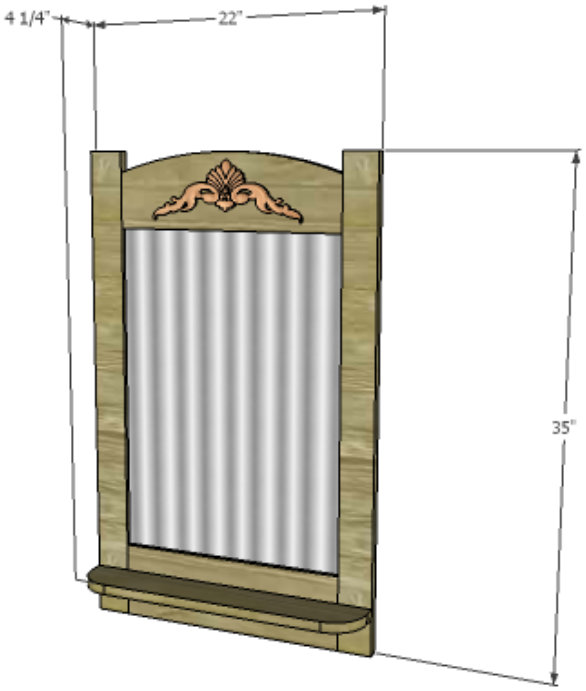
- Wood glue
- Sandpaper (100, 150, 220 grits)
- Finishing supplies (primer & paint, or stain, sealer)

Lumber:

- 1 – 1×3 at 6′
- 1 – 1×6 at 4′

Cut List:

- 2 – 1×3 at 35″ – Sides
- 2 – 1×6 at 17″ – Top & Bottom
- 1 – 1×4 at 22″ – Shelf



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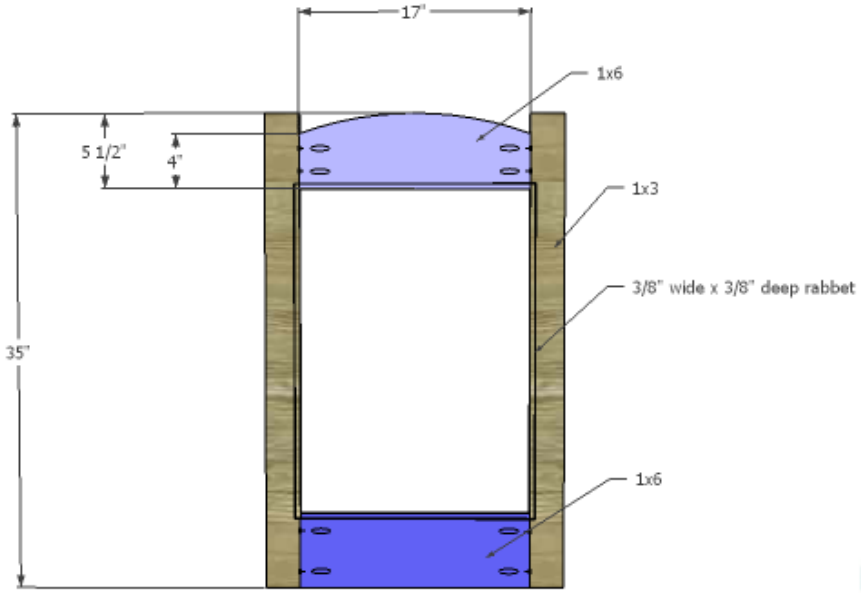
Step One

Cut the pieces for the frame. Draw the arc on the top edge of the top piece and cut out using a jigsaw or a bandsaw. Set the pocket hole jig for 3/4″ material, and drill pocket holes in each end of the 1×6 pieces. Assemble the frame as shown using

glue and 1-1/4″ pocket hole screws.

Use a router and a 3/8″ rabbeting bit to cut a 3/8″ wide by 3/8″ deep rabbet on the inside of the frame. Use a chisel to square out the corners.

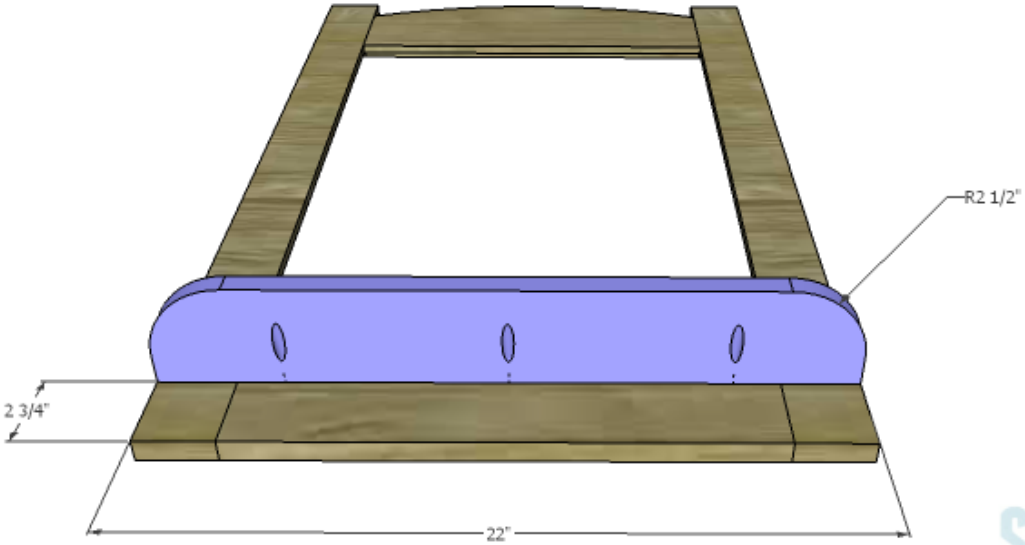


Step Two

Cut the piece for the shelf. Cut the rounded corners using a jigsaw or a bandsaw, and drill pocket holes along the back edge. Secure the shelf to the frame using glue and 1-1/4″ pocket hole screws.

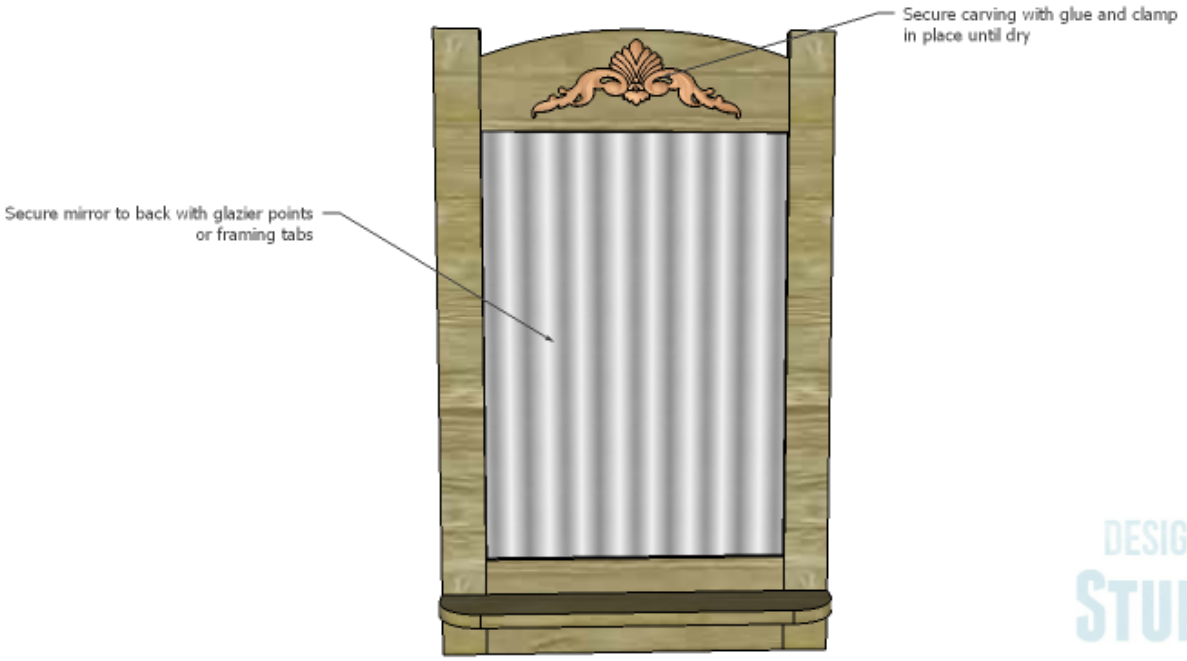
Glue the decorative scroll on the front of the frame, clamping in place until dry.

Finish as desired.



Step Three

Place the mirror in the frame and secure in place using mirror clips, glazier points, or picture framing tabs.



The mirror frame would also look fabulous as a regular photo frame. The mirror can be replaced with a chalkboard, dry erase

board, or decorative punched aluminum and used as a jewelry organizer! Have any questions about the DIY plans to build an Espana Mirror Frame? Leave a comment below!